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Interview Summary

Application No. 08/949,525	Applicant(s) Michael J. Wiener And Josanne M. Otway
Examiner Douglas Meislahn	Group Art Unit 2132

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Douglas Meislahn _____ (3) _____
(2) Christopher Reckamp _____ (4) _____

Date of Interview Oct 9, 2001

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: Independents, specifically 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

Ellison and Lewis

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The examiner explained his interpretation of the claims. Specifically, "by a multi-client manager" does not preclude a user from choosing the expiry date. Applicant explained differences between the intended invention and this interpretation. The examiner doubts that the inclusion of these features would result in an allowance. The examiner feels that Ellison is enabled, particularly in the context of Lewis.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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